



MINUTES
OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
with the **OCONEE JOINT REGIONAL SEWER AUTHORITY**
June 2, 2009

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

Mr. Reg Dexter, District V, Council Chairman
Mr. Joel Thrift, District IV, Vice Chairman
Mr. Mario Suarez, District III, Chairman Pro Tem
Mr. Wayne McCall, District II

Oconee County Council met with the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority [OJRSA] on Tuesday, June 2, 2009 at 5:00 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members [except Mr. Suarez], Kendra Brown, Interim Administrator, Thomas L. Martin County Attorney and Elizabeth G. Hulse, Clerk to Council present.

OJRSA Members Present: Mr. Bob Winchester, Mr. Rhett Smith, Mr. Mendel Stone, Mr. Ron Knorr, Mr. Jerry Opperman, Mr. Greg Dietterick and Mr. Lowell Ross, OJRSA attorney.

Press:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting, date, time, place of meeting and agenda were posted on the bulletin board at the County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC, and the County Council website [www.oconeese.com/council]. In addition it was made available to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Members of the press present: Ray Chandler – Anderson Independent, Brett McLaughlin - Daily Journal, and Dick Mangrum - WGOG Radio.

Call to Order:

Mr. Dexter called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m.

Workshop Discussion with the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority [OJRSA]:

Mr. Bob Winchester addressed Council and provided them with a handouts [filed with these minutes] outlining the history of the project at the Golden Corner Commerce Park [GCCP]. He concluded this discussion by stating that he expected the Preliminary Engineering Report [PER] to be approved after soil samples taken this week have been analyzed. Lengthy discussion followed regarding sewer options on I85, at the GCCP and issues related to closed manufacturing facilities/sewer infrastructure in the county.

Mr. Dexter questioned the OJRSA representatives regarding funding commitments made by their organization and discussion followed regarding the County's commitment of one Economic Development mill toward this project.

Mr. Martin addressed the OJRSA with questions about their request to be designated as the 208 Water Quality Management Agency in Oconee County. Mr. Ross, OJRSA attorney, provided some history regarding the 208 designation. Discussion followed.

Lastly, discussion took place regarding how the \$610,000 to be utilized by the OJRSA from money paid by Oconee County to the OJRSA as outlined in the November 18, 2008 "SWAG" Intergovernmental Agreement. Mr. Ross stated that the OJRSA selects projects based on the project listing identified in the SWAG document [copy of project listing filed with these minutes and distributed to all council members].

Mr. Dexter thanked Mr. Winchester, Mr. Ross and the OJRSA Commission members for their attendance and participation in the discussion.

Adjourn:

Mr. Thrift made a motion at 6:19 p.m., seconded by Mr. McCall that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to Council